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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes. The Government have sanctioned the employment of an additional shroff in the Sub-Treasury, Chowghat, for a period of six months from the date of appointment to cope with the heavy work in the sub-treasury."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" The additional shroff appointed is permanently required there. I do not know why Government came to the conclusion that it should be there only for a period of six months."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" If need be, the term can be extended. It is a simple proposition."

Revenue from public ferries in Malabar.

* 1933 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total revenue derived from public ferries in Malabar; and

(*b*) whether any portion of it is diverted for providing " Ferry stands " or other conveniences for passengers?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The total revenue derived from public ferries in Malabar for the year 1953–54 was Rs. 3,03,982.

" (*b*) An expenditure of Rs. 37,550 was incurred in 1953–54 towards provision of conveniences to passengers at the ferries. No portion of the revenue is diverted for provision of ferry stands."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the large income that the Government are deriving from the ferries, will the Government see that some more conveniences such as erection of ferry stands and putting up of seats are provided for the passengers? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" As the hon. Member himself has pointed out, in view of the large income we get, I shall have it examined and see whether we could do anything in that direction."

Alleged non-payment of taxes for plying buses.

* 1934 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any bus operator was found plying his buses without paying taxes for four quarters, during this year in the district of Salem;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the concerned Registration Certificates contained forged entries; and

(*c*) the action taken against the operator?